(b) and (c) The Government have identified Shillong (Meghalaya) in the North Eastern Region to set up the seventh Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in country.

Reservation for OBCs in Medical Colleges

20. SHRIMATI HEMAMALINI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to make effective 27 per cent quota for OBCs in the medical colleges in the country in spite of country-wise agitation;

(b) whether it is not possible to create additional seats equivalent of 27 per cent quota-as this will neither give scope for further agitation for or against quota; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) There is a decision 'in principle' to retain the existing number of seats not covered by reservation at the present strength, while implementing reservation. An Oversight Committee has been constituted, along with five working groups, to make the necessary assessment in this regard.

Uniform Academic Calendar

21. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal has been drawn up by the University Grants Commission to enforce a uniform national academic calendar for all universities which would lay down common schedules for opening and closing of universities and for holding examinations and declaration of results;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and the views of different universities obtained, if any, in view of the academic autonomy enjoyed by the Central universities; and

(c) whether and to what extent the uniform calendar accommodates the varying climatic conditions and holiday observed on account of local festivals in different parts of the country?